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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT

Please add new linking claim 58 as follows:

- 38¹⁹ 58. A method of operating the purifier of claim 29, the method comprising:
- after mixing the ozone-containing gas with liquid flow commencing at the beginning of a batch purification cycle, directing the liquid and ozone mixture into the upflow chamber in which the initial flow of liquid rises as bubbles of ozone-containing gas rise at a faster rate to overtake the preceding liquid; and
 - blocking entry of untreated liquid into the passageway except when the purifier is purifying liquid flow.

TRAVERSAL AND ELECTION

The restriction requirement is traversed on the grounds that the apparatus and method claims are not distinguishable as asserted. Both apparatus and method claims are specifically limited to batch operation as plainly stated in preambles and elsewhere in each claim so that apparatus "as claimed" is as clearly limited to batch operation as the method claims are. Moreover, the method of claim 21 shares with